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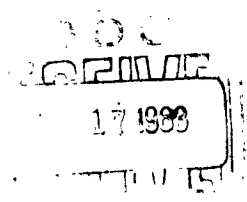
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The following is a partial summary and translation of an article by Leonid Velichanskii in the Literaturnaia Gazeta, May 14, 1963.

The Russian Institute at Columbia University is the first target of a sharp attack by the author. He accuses the Institute of promoting cold war policies and of producing books "full of slanderous fabrications about our party and people." Diplomas from the Institute, he continues, are highly valued especially for entrance into government service. The recipients of these diplomas are fully trained anti-Soviet specialists who are in demand by the government and private institutions.

Philip Moseley comes under attack for having played a disreputable role in the persecution of the U.S. Communist Party. Moseley's conclusion that the CP is under Moscow's influence is called "absurd."

The Ford Foundation is condemned for sponsoring numerous "sorcerers and charlatans" who write "scientific" works on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

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Besides the Russian Institute, the author cites Columbia's new "Research Institute on Communist Affairs for the study of the global aspects of communism," and the "Hoover Institute of war, revolution and peace," and then devotes considerable space to the nonprofit scientific institutions, whose social scientists, according to him, are mainly concerned with waging a "psychological war" against their own population.

RAND is taken as the example of these nonprofit organizations and a translation of its treatment follows:

"Let's scrutinize, for example, the activities of one of the biggest of the 'nonprofit' corporations -- 'RAND.' It works mainly on orders of the Department of the Air Force. These orders are not always technical. In 1958 the Pentagon needed an additional couple of billion dollars for the implementation of its 'crash program' for constructing missiles and hence leaked to the press information to the effect that on orders of the Pentagon three scientists, independently of each other, had researched the question: at what level of Soviet superiority in rocket technique would U.S. resistance be senseless and would the U.S. be forced to surrender? As if in support of this information, RAND published a book by Paul Kecskemeti: Strategic Surrender: The Politics of Victory and Defeat. The rumor that the Pentagon was studying the conditions for its own surrender threw the congressmen into a panic and they authorized an even greater allocation for military expenditures than the government had requested.

"On orders of the American militarists, the experts are also studying the economic and political home front of the 'probable enemy,' i.e., of the socialist countries, and writing books that are intended to accustom Americans

to the thought of the inevitability of a nuclear war. Thus Stanford University published a book by Leon Gouré: The Siege of Leningrad. (In 1961, the author published an 'analysis' of the Anti-aircraft Defense Organization [sic] in the Soviet Union, which was written on the order of the Department of the Air Force.) He studied documents on life in besieged Leningrad, German archives, and even diaries of Leningraders dying from hunger and cold. Gouré knows when and how many grams of bread a worker, an office worker, or a dependent received on his ration card, and what percentage of sawdust and oilcake was found in this bread. And although the book was written from a hostile position, the author does mention the heroism of the Leningraders. He writes that Leningrad fully earned the title of hero-city.

"But it is not the heroism or the human suffering which interested Gouré. In the whole Leningrad epic he is most of all interested in the experience of the functioning of a large city 'under catastrophic conditions.' The author, who does not hide the fact that this experience only interests him from the point of view of preparing for a new war, is forced to recognize that Soviet society fully sustained this 'most severe test' of its durability.

"We have discussed in this article the literary productions of the 'RAND' corporation only in order to give a general picture of its 'scientific works.' The activities of such corporations clearly demonstrate the prostitution of modern bourgeois science, and its transformation into a servant of the military clique and the military industrial monopolies. The scientific servants of capital, who are joined in this 'brain trust,' and who receive a good

recompense, fabricate the political ammunition for the 'cold war' and are used for the technical and ideological preparation of a hot nuclear war."